

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2002**

C-1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The City Council Closed Session meeting of April 17, 2002 was called to order by Mayor Pennino at 6:05 p.m.

Present: Council Members – Hitchcock, Howard, Land, Nakanishi (arrived at 6:09 p.m.), and Mayor Pennino

Absent: Council Members – None

Also Present: City Manager Flynn, City Attorney Hays, and City Clerk Blackston

C-2 ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

- a) Prospective lease of property located at 100 East Pine Street, Lodi, CA (APN 043-072-01); the negotiating parties are the City of Lodi and the Lodi Adopt-A-Child Foundation, a non-profit 501(c) 3 Community-based organization; price and terms of the lease are under negotiation; Government Code §54956.8 (PW)
- b) Prospective acquisition of real property located at 541 East Locust Street, Lodi, California (APN 043-202-14); the negotiating parties are City of Lodi and Pete and Helen Perlegos; Government Code §54956.8

C-3 ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

At 6:05 p.m., Mayor Pennino adjourned the meeting to a Closed Session to discuss the above matters.

The Closed Session adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

C-4 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION / DISCLOSURE OF ACTION

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Pennino reconvened the City Council meeting, and City Attorney Hays disclosed the following actions.

In regard to Item C-2 (a), the matter was not discussed.

In regard to Item C-2 (b), the City Council directed staff to make its final offer regarding acquisition of the real property located at 541 East Locust Street (APN 043-202-14).

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B. INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Pastor Jim Harvey, Lodi Community Church.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pennino.

D. AWARDS / PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

D-1 Awards – None

D-2 (a) Mayor Pennino presented proclamations to Police Chief Jerry Adams and Police Volunteer Supervisor Jeanie Biskup, representing the Lodi Police Partners Program, proclaiming the week of April 21 – 27, 2002 as “National Volunteer’s Week” in the City of Lodi. Chief Adams reported that the Police Department has nearly 100 volunteers in programs for the Partners, Reserve Officers, Explorers, and Chaplains. In 2001 the

Police Partners volunteered a total of 27,143 hours, which equates to approximately \$400,000.

Chief Adams presented a Certificate of Recognition to Janet Keeter on behalf of the Board of Directors for the Lodi Area Crimestoppers for her volunteer service as a board member.

- D-3 (a) Elisabeth Newman, member of the Greater Lodi Area Youth Commission, acknowledged the Teen of the Month, Jennifer Morita from Tokay High School and provided an update on the Commission's accomplishments and upcoming events.
- D-3 (b) Fire Chief Pretz announced that on April 20, 2002, the Lodi Fire Department would be unveiling a memorial to three Lodi firefighters who died in the line of duty: Elton Grotelueschen (1962), Forrest Eproson (1974), and John McMahon (1989). The Fallen Firefighter Memorial Dedication will be held at Fire Station #4 and will include the Pipes and Drums of the California Professional Firefighters leading a procession of Lodi firefighters. After the memorial ceremony the Fire Department will hold a grand opening and ribbon cutting for Fire Station #4.
- D-3 (c) Community Promotions Coordinator Haynes announced that the United Way Lodi Area Community Council has \$25,000 available to be awarded in the form of mini-grants to health and human service programs in the Lodi area. This mini-grant program is offered to local 501(c) 3 tax-exempt organizations or programs sponsored by one. The grants offered range from \$500 to \$2,500. Applications, which are available at Lodi Memorial Hospital and City Hall, are due by May 1, 2002 and will be awarded on July 1, 2002.
- D-3 (d) Mayor Pennino presented the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Recognition to Deputy City Manager Janet Keeter and Finance Director Vicky McAthie for budget presentation. This award represents a significant achievement in reflecting the commitment of the governing body and staff for meeting the highest principles of government budgeting.
- D-3 (e) John Katz, Vice President/General Manager, Stockton Ports; Adam Fox and Trevor Fawcett, Director of Operations for the Stockton Ports; and Debbie Whitaker, Lodi Unified School District (LUSD) Prevention and Student Services Coordinator, announced the "Here's Looking at You 2002" game scheduled for May 14 at Zupo Field. Ms. Whitaker reported that "Here's Looking at You" is a drug suppression program offered through LUSD for 4th and 5th grade students.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

In accordance with the report and recommendation of the City Manager, Council, on motion of Council Member Nakanishi, Land second, unanimously approved the following items hereinafter set forth **except those otherwise noted**.

- E-1 Claims were approved in the amount of \$8,309,149.32.
- E-2 The minutes of March 6, 2002 (Regular Meeting), March 20, 2002 (Regular Meeting), and March 26, 2002 (Shirtsleeve Session) were approved as written.
- E-3 Approved the specifications for seven 45-foot Class 3, ten 50-foot Class 3, twenty 55-foot Class 1, and two 75-foot Class 1 wood utility poles and authorized advertisement for bids.
- E-4 Approved the specifications for renovations to the Hutchins Street Square Box Office and authorized advertisement for bids.
- E-5 "Adopt resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc., for engineering design services associated with the removal of two railroad crossings on Turner Road and Lower Sacramento Road; and appropriate funds (not to exceed \$47,200) for the project" was **removed from the Consent Calendar and discussed and acted upon under the Regular Calendar**.

- E-6 Adopted Resolution No. 2002-78 authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional consulting services contract with ELS Architecture and Urban Design, of Berkeley, CA, for accessibility review and design services for the City of Lodi's Grape Bowl Stadium; and appropriated \$25,000 for the project.
- E-7 Adopted Resolution No. 2002-79 authorizing the agreement for the use of Zupo Field by the Stockton Ports Professional Baseball Club.
- E-8 "Adopt resolution approving the recommendations of the multi-jurisdictional 2x2x2 Greenbelt Task Force to fund the contract (not to exceed \$25,000) for services for Phase 2 of the Lodi/Stockton Community Separator" was **removed from the Consent Calendar and discussed and acted upon under the Regular Calendar.**
- E-9 "Set public hearing for June 5, 2002 to consider an appeal from Chris and Pauline Gianulias regarding the Notice and Order to Repair issued for the property located at 100 N. Cherokee Lane, Lodi"

NOTE: Council Member Land abstained from voting on the matter due to a potential conflict of interest related to his employment with Farmers and Merchants Bank.

MOTION / VOTE:

The City Council, on motion of Council Member Howard, Hitchcock second, set public hearing for June 5, 2002 to consider an appeal from Chris and Pauline Gianulias regarding the Notice and Order to Repair issued for the property located at 100 N. Cherokee Lane, Lodi. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members – Hitchcock, Howard, Nakanishi, and Mayor Pennino
Noes: Council Members – None
Absent: Council Members – None
Abstain: Council Members – Land

F. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

H-1 On recommendation of the City's contract administrator, Insurance Consulting Associates, Inc. (ICA), and Human Resources staff, the City Council, on motion of Council Member Land, Hitchcock second, unanimously rejected the following claims:

- a) DLJ Electric, date of loss 2/20/02
- b) Ruby French, date of loss 1/29/02

H-2 The following report was presented to the City Council:

- a) Planning Commission report of March 27, 2002

H-3 The following postings/appointments were made:

- a) The City Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock, Land second, unanimously directed the City Clerk to post for the following vacancies and expiring terms on the Greater Lodi Area Youth Commission:

Greater Lodi Area Youth Commission

Michelle Gau	Term to expire August 30, 2003
Sweta Patel	Term to expire August 30, 2003
Ashkon Shaahinfar	Term to expire August 30, 2003
Megan Hawley	Term to expire August 30, 2002
Yuba Grant	Term to expire August 30, 2002
Courtney Cook	Term to expire August 30, 2002
Katie Wagenman	Term to expire August 30, 2002
Katherine Whitmire	Term to expire August 30, 2002

Council Member Howard commented that she has had the opportunity to serve as the Council representative for the Youth Commission and believed it was a great organization. She encouraged any youth interested in becoming a member of this commission to file an application.

- b) The City Council, on motion of Council Member Nakanishi, Howard second, unanimously made the following reappointments and appointments to various boards and commissions:

Lodi Arts Commission

Edie Van Noy Term to expire July 1, 2004

Site Plan and Architectural Review Committee

Howard Vogel Term to expire January 1, 2006

Eastside Improvement Committee

Mark Gisler Term to expire March 1, 2005

Felix Magana Term to expire March 1, 2005

Rosie Ortiz Term to expire March 1, 2005

Allan Levy Term to expire March 1, 2004

Lodi Senior Citizens Commission

Winona Ellwein Term to expire December 31, 2005

Phyllis Rabusin Term to expire December 31, 2005

H-4 Miscellaneous

- a) City Clerk Blackston provided the cumulative Monthly Protocol Account Report through March 31, 2002.

I. REGULAR CALENDAR

- I-1 "Adopt resolution accepting the recommendations for expansion of the Lodi Public Library outlined in the Lodi Public Library Facilities Master Plan"

With the aid of an overhead presentation (filed) Library Director Martinez provided the following information. The library facilities master plan evolved from the work of the 1999 long-range planning committee. The Library Board contracted with Fletcher Farr Ayotte to develop the master plan. A committee comprised of library and City staff was formed to guide the design team, hear progress reports, and participate in town hall meetings. One of the first steps was to evaluate the existing 28,260 square foot library facility, which was built in 1978. The structure was found to be in sound condition and well maintained. The mechanical and electrical systems require upgrading. Any major remodeling will require Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades to the restrooms, energy efficient lighting, and a resolution to the problem of water runoff into the basement.

The project goals included: 1) Defining the community needs for library services, 2) Educating the public on the possibilities of future library services, and 3) Raising the awareness of the library's needs. Key to the process was evaluating the relationship between the downtown core and the library. The project followed a timeline of seven months. Of 400 survey responses, the public indicated that the most important aspects of an expanded library would be more books and additional reading space and computer resources. The top three responses for amenities were study rooms, a children's story room, and computer classrooms.

Based on a projected Lodi population of 71,500 in the year 2021, the library consultant determined a ratio for the library's collection that would also meet the needs of serving the population outside the jurisdiction. The recommendation is to expand the library on its existing site with a two-story addition to the northeast corner of the block at a projected cost of \$14 million. Ms. Martinez requested the support of Council in accepting the recommendation for expansion of the Lodi public library as outlined in the plan.

City Manager Flynn noted that the next phase would be to look at doing the design work.

Council Member Howard expressed support for the recommendation noting that it is reflective of both a neighborhood and downtown library.

In reply to Council Member Howard, Ms. Martinez stated that discussion has taken place regarding using the current community room and lobby as an after hours entrance by the community. As an additional benefit, this area is where the proposed children's space will be, which will allow for a more safe youth entrance on Locust Street.

Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock noted that the size of the building is doubling, yet only 58 more parking spaces will be added. She also asked how the ratio of square footage was determined and what funding strategies are being considered for the project.

Ms. Martinez replied that the ratio of parking to square footage was not lowered with the new plan. She also pointed out that the library is only two blocks from a proposed parking structure and three blocks from the new parking structure on Sacramento Street. In reference to funding, Ms. Martinez stated that the City as a jurisdiction can apply for Library Construction Bond Act funds. It would require a 35% match on the part of the jurisdiction, with 65% total project funding from the state. She stated that they are favoring projects that co-locate public libraries on K-12 campuses or are in partnership with schools in providing services to students such as having a homework center and staff will be looking into these possibilities. The square footage of 59,800 was determined after considering space needs for books, seating, etc. in the proposed building. The consultant applied 0.84 to today's population to arrive at how much space the library was currently lacking. Ms. Martinez explained that a range of 0.7 to 1 square foot per capita is considered optimal.

Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock expressed hope that the committee would continue to look for on-site parking or acquiring space in the surrounding area for additional parking.

Council Member Nakanishi stated that his preference had been for a satellite library; however, he would support this recommendation.

Mayor Pennino encouraged staff to actively seek state or federal funding for this project. He also suggested that this be considered as a project for inclusion in the next Council of Governments One Voice at the federal level.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Christine Lavond, President of the Library Board of Trustees, thanked the Council for its support.

MOTION:

Council Member Land made a motion, Howard second, to adopt Resolution No. 2002-80 accepting the recommendations for the expansion of the Lodi Public Library and its services as outlined in the Library Facilities Master Plan and as indicated in "Option A – Existing Site."

DISCUSSION:

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Ms. Martinez stated that a coffee shop space is planned next to the young adult area in the library.

VOTE:

The above motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- E-5 "Adopt resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc., for engineering design services associated with the removal of two railroad crossings on Turner Road and Lower Sacramento Road; and appropriate funds (not to exceed \$47,200) for the project"

Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock noted that the staff report indicates that a "competitive consultant selection process" was used and questioned whether, due to the significant expense, these types of projects should go out under the standard bid process.

Wally Sandelin, City Engineer, reported that approximately six months ago staff interviewed four consulting firms with respect to their qualifications to perform services for the City on five or six highly specialized projects. One of the projects currently underway is the Central City Rail Project, which involves rail specialties that are difficult to price out. For this reason a competitive selection process was undertaken that judges the qualifications of various firms. Qualifications were checked with the railroad operations staff in Omaha and Roseville and it was determined that HDR Engineering had better specialized experience in dealing with the CPUC, as well as the railroad. Mr. Sandelin explained that due to uncertainties involving a redefinition of this project and negotiations regarding responsibility for design and payment, it was very difficult for staff to provide consultants with a specific project description to bid on, and consequently a qualifications-based selection was done. In addition, he stated that the source of funds would be the CPUC grant that staff secured three years ago and local streets impact mitigation fees.

Council Member Howard commented that per her request earlier in the day, staff provided her with a photo of the area.

MOTION / VOTE:

The City Council, on motion of Council Member Howard, Nakanishi second, unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2002-81 authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc., for engineering design services associated with the removal of two railroad crossings on Turner Road and Lower Sacramento Road; and appropriated funds not to exceed \$47,200 for the Turner Road Rail Safety Project.

- E-8 "Adopt resolution approving the recommendations of the multi-jurisdictional 2x2x2 Greenbelt Task Force to fund the contract (not to exceed \$25,000) for services for Phase 2 of the Lodi/Stockton Community Separator"

In response to questions posed by Council Member Howard, Eric Veerkamp, Associate Planner, reported that the timeline for Phase 2 is between 12 to 18 months. Phase 1 cost approximately \$29,000. Grant sources were utilized from the California Department of Conservation Farmland Preservation Program and the Great Valley Center through the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG). Whether or not there will be a Phase 3 depends on the outcome of Phase 2. The level of detail in Phase 2 is different than what was considered under Phase 1. The Lodi/Stockton Community Separator differs from the Habitat Conservation Plan, as one deals with determining prime agricultural or important farmland, while the other identifies wildlife habitat. There is not necessarily a correspondence between the two types of preservation, and the goals are entirely different.

Council Member Howard stated that in learning what other communities have done with greenbelts, it can be determined what the natural resources are based on agriculture, species, soils, minerals, etc. She hoped that Moore, Iacafano, and Goltsman (MIG) is not looking solely at agriculture.

Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock reported that they are looking at a huge area of land and it is not based solely upon agricultural use. There may be some opportunity for the Habitat Conservation Plan to intermix with the Community Separator. Phase 1 was exploratory to determine the interest of property owners in the area, as well as the Lodi and Stockton communities. Most of the participation was from property owners; however, they needed to know what was going to be proposed before expressing their position on the matter. Phase 2 will be for the purpose of developing and refining a plan.

Council Member Nakanishi stated that the Greenbelt Task Force is comprised of two Lodi Council Members, two Stockton Council Members, and two County Supervisors. He did not see the need for the Task Force, as Lodi has stated that it will not build beyond Harney Lane and Stockton has indicated it will not build beyond Eight Mile Road. Further, he believed the type of information the Task Force is gathering could be obtained for much less cost. In addition, the matter will ultimately be in the hands of the County Supervisors and LAFCO.

Council Member Land stated that this process started three years ago. When he approached the Stockton City Council about a greenbelt/separator many of them expressed an interest in it. He emphasized that as a Council it is important to have a vision as to what the community should be like 50 to 100 years in the future. In addition, he noted that it would not be fair to take development rights away from landowners and not compensate them fairly for their property.

Mayor Pennino noted that the Habitat Plan took eight years to develop and he expected the greenbelt/separator to take a similar amount of time. He expressed strong support for proceeding with Phase 2.

Council Member Howard noted that the \$25,000 that Lodi is being asked to pay for Phase 2 is only a third of the overall \$64,000 (plus contingencies) cost. She suggested that there may be a way for MIG to be more cost effective and asked that her concern be passed on to them. She felt that MIG should be observed in how they are managing the money and they should lay out a timeline for the project. She commented that the Habitat Plan also addressed neighboring land rights.

Mr. Veerkamp reported that they are striving to be cost effective and Phase 2 has been decreased by \$25,000 from what was originally submitted.

City Manager Flynn cited the area surrounding the City of Oroville as an example of uncontrolled growth approved by the county, which impacted city services and caused difficulties.

Council Member Nakanishi stated that as a member of the 2x2x2 Task Force he had asked that they include stakeholders in the meetings, i.e., farmers and citizens, and again stated for the record that he believed the Task Force should involve other stakeholders.

Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock noted that for the greenbelt/separator to have weight it would have to be approved by the three elected bodies. She stated that the consultant will involve stakeholders in the plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Robert Lauchland stated that he serves on the Executive Board for the Lodi Stockton Farm and Property Rights Coalition, which represents the interests of 600 property owners within the proposed greenbelt study area.

He stated that the following fundamental questions have not yet been answered:

1. What is the value associated with taking away or changing property rights forever on properties within the study area, taking into consideration the policies set forth by the 2x2x2 Task Force requiring a voluntary program equitable to all properties affected and full compensation to all properties affected?
2. What funding resources could be provided by increasing local tax revenues, fees, and in the form of grants, to acquire properties for 30,000 acres?
3. Is the study area reasonable or practical after the first two questions are considered?

Mr. Lauchland stated that if the matter is to be further studied, the Coalition unanimously agreed that the property owners who would be directly affected need to

be represented on the Task Force. He reported that last night the Stockton City Council decided not to act on the proposed funding of the next phase of the study. It was his understanding that Stockton is seeking to establish certain conditions before it moves forward to participate. These conditions include citizen/owner participation in the Task Force, full compensation and guarantees of no unequal or unfair burdens to property owners, and no conflicts with the city's economic development goals. In conclusion, Mr. Lauchland asked the City, as a property owner within the proposed greenbelt area, to imagine owning land vital to its operation that is burdened by government regulation and another government agency is trying to determine forever the use of the property.

- Elmer Schwartz stated that he was 84 years old and owns 41 acres for which he was told was worth \$1 million and would be a good location to build homes. He was opposed to the greenbelt as it would take property owner rights away.
- Ricky Himm, Pastor of Christ Evangelical Church, stated that in 1989 they bought ten acres of land just north of Harney Lane on the west side. It was placed into the Williamson Act and was eligible to be built upon in 2000. Their goal was to relocate the church to this property.

Mayor Pennino recommended that Pastor Himm contact the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors regarding the property.

MOTION:

Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock made a motion, Land second, to adopt Resolution No. 2002-82 approving the recommendations of the multi-jurisdictional 2x2x2 Greenbelt Task Force to fund the contract (not to exceed \$25,000) for services for Phase 2 of the Lodi/Stockton Community Separator.

DISCUSSION:

Council Member Howard believed that long-term planning is appropriate; however, she would not support the motion. She believed it would be an asset to have individuals such as property owners on the Task Force throughout its duration.

MOTION AMENDED:

Mayor Pennino suggested that the maker of the motion include the following key points as addressed by Mr. Lauchland and forward them to the 2x2x2 Greenbelt Task Force for its consideration.

- What is the value associated with taking away or changing property rights forever on properties within the study area, taking into consideration the policies set forth by the 2x2x2 Greenbelt Task Force requiring a voluntary program equitable to all properties affected and full compensation to all properties affected?
- What funding resources could be provided by increasing local tax revenues, fees, and in the form of grants to acquire properties for 30,000 acres?
- Is the study area reasonable or practical (after considering the first two questions)?

Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock and Council Member Land agreed to amend the motion and second.

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock assured Council that Phase 2 would not move forward without the approval and participation of the City of Stockton.

In reply to Council Member Nakanishi, Community Development Director Bartlam estimated that it would be 20 years before Lodi reached Harney Lane.

Council Member Nakanishi stated that it would take four to five years for the Task Force to reach a point in which it could make a recommendation. He reiterated that the

information being sought could be obtained much more economically through town hall and other public meetings. He did not believe the Task Force was needed.

Mayor Pennino disagreed and warned that if the City does not guide its future in the Central Valley, it would be done for us. He emphasized the importance of having a vision to set aside land and cited Golden Gate Park in San Francisco and Central Park in New York City as examples. Further, he stated that if the Lodi City Council 30 or 40 years ago had such a vision, the City could have had a walkway along the south side of the Mokelumne River, rather than building homes there.

VOTE:

The above amended motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members – Hitchcock, Land, and Mayor Pennino

Noes: Council Members – Howard and Nakanishi

Absent: Council Members – None

J. ORDINANCES

None.

K. COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Council Member Howard stated that on April 4 she had an opportunity to be a judge for the Lodi Middle School talent show. Other judges included former Mayor Evie Olson, who is the owner of the Music Box, and Virginia Stephens, who is the band director of Bear Creek High School. The third place winner was Erica Schmidt, who played a piano solo, Canon by Pachelbel; second place was awarded to Samantha Benbrook and Maribel Alvarez for a string duet; and first place went to Rachelle Hall for a dance solo.

The first official meeting of the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority met last week and will meet again in September. The first quarter has been completed and a check should be coming in the near future to the county, who will divide it appropriately. A one-time amount of \$15,000 will be taken by the Department of Motor Vehicles, after which there will be regular monthly assessments. Between January and March of this year the City of Lodi spent \$2,865 to abate 77 abandoned vehicles, for an average cost per abatement of \$37.27. She thanked Joseph Wood, Community Improvement Manager, for his assistance with the statistics and report that the City will submit to the county each quarter.

- Council Member Land congratulated Richard Jones, Executive Director, for receiving the distinguished Member of the Academy of the Boys and Girls Club Professionals for his 30 years of service. He announced that the Lodi Boys and Girls Club will be having its annual fund-raiser event this Saturday, and that Mayor Pennino will be a guest speaker regarding the Habitat Conservation Plan at the May 8 and 9 Great Central Valley Conference.
- Council Member Nakanishi noted that the Emergency Preparedness Fair was held last weekend and he thanked the Council, City Manager, Chief of Police, Fire Department, and Rob Lechner, Manager of Customer Programs, for their assistance and participation. City Manager Flynn arranged to have the Civil Support Team at the event. Council Member Nakanishi recalled that in May 2001 the Justice Department invited mayors to a conference for the purpose of learning about weapons of mass destruction. Subsequent to his attendance at the conference, he was assured by the City Manager and Chiefs of Police and Fire that the City is prepared and has an emergency plan.

City Manager Flynn commented that the Civil Support Team is scheduled to provide a brief presentation to Council at its first meeting in June.

- Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock encouraged everyone to attend the Boys and Girls Club fund-raiser. She reminded Council and staff that the next League of California Cities Central Valley Division quarterly meeting will be held in Newman on April 25.
- Mayor Pennino commended everyone who worked on the Emergency Preparedness Event.

Continued April 17, 2002

L. COMMENTS BY THE CITY MANAGER ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- City Manager Flynn thanked Rob Lechner for coordinating the Emergency Preparedness Event.

M. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

ATTEST:

Susan J. Blackston
City Clerk